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## UPDATE: FDA warning expands list of contaminated toothpaste from China

Late Friday the U. S. Food and Drug administration released information expanding the DEG toothpaste warning...

### Introduction

FDA has found a poisonous chemical, diethylene glycol (DEG), in certain toothpastes imported from China. The agency increased its scrutiny and testing of imported toothpaste and dental products after receiving reports in late May 2007 of contaminated Chinese dental products found in several countries, including Panama.

#### **Q: Why are consumers being warned about toothpaste?**

FDA is strongly warning consumers to avoid using any toothpaste labeled as made in China because we have found levels as high as 3-4% of a poisonous chemical, diethylene glycol (DEG), in Chinese toothpaste.

#### **Q: What is diethylene glycol, or DEG?**

Diethylene glycol (DEG), also known as "diglycol" is a poisonous chemical used in antifreeze and as a solvent. It does not belong in toothpaste even at small concentrations.

**The agency is warning consumers to avoid using tubes of toothpaste labeled as made in China and, through an import alert, is stopping all suspect toothpaste from entering the United States.**

FDA continues to investigate this problem and will take further action, as appropriate, to address this important public safety issue.

### List of Toothpaste Products

FDA has identified the following brands of toothpaste from China that have been found to contain a poisonous chemical called diethylene glycol (DEG). The products typically are sold at low-cost, "bargain" retail outlets.

Manufacturer: Goldcredit International Enterprises LTD Products: (MainStar America, Selective Imports, Donnamax)

- Dr. Cool Coolmint
- Superdent Coolmint
- Cooldent Coolmint
- Cooldent Spearmint
- Cooldent Fluoride
- Everfresh Assortment

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- BrightMax
- DentaPro
- Dentakleen
- Dentakleen Junior Brand - Strawberry
- Dentakleen Junior Brand - Blueberry

Manufacturer: Gold Credit International Trading Co LTD Products:

- Bright Max Peppermint Flavor
- Clean Rite Toothpaste
- Clean Rite Toothpaste Kit
- Oralmax Extreme Action Kit
- Oral Bright Fresh Spearmint Flavor
- DentaKleen
- DentaKleen Junior
- DentaPro

Manufacturer: Suzhou City Jinmao Daily Chemicals Co. Ltd.

Product: (Gold City Enterprises/New Star, Miami, FL)

- ShiR Fresh Mint Fluoride Paste
- ShiRFresh Toothpaste
- ShiRFresh Mint
- ShiRFresh Ice Mint

Manufacturer Shanghai Light Industrial Products:

Freshh Spearmint (Following up with Mandalay International, Ogden, UT)

MFR Unknown:

Crescent Toothpaste (Dollar Ocean #4, Wheaton, MD and H&Y Trading Co, Capitol Heights, MD)

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FDA has identified the following counterfeit products:

Manufacturer: Unknown

- counterfeit toothpaste falsely packaged as "Colgate," manufactured in South Africa
- counterfeit tooth gel falsely packaged as "Colgate," manufactured in South Africa (may not contain DEG)